The entire population of the Republic of the Congo is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense all year round. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2015 was 264,574 with 435 deaths.
Malaria

The Global Fund

The Global Fund has announced that Congo will receive € 27.9 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening as the country allocation for 2018-2020. The Global Fund has determined the total allocation amount based on Congo’s disease burden and income level, as well as several other factors. The malaria component is also allocated a specific proportion of the total, according to a formula developed by the Global Fund that takes into account several factors, including disease burden and previous disbursements. For Congo this is calculated at € 12.7 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Congo is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation, as well as from domestic resources, to sustain the gains made in recent years.

Progress

Congo has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2014 and has reported the results to WHO.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2015 was 264,574 with 435 deaths. WHO estimates that the country has achieved a decrease of 20-40% for malaria incidence rate and a change of less than 20% for malaria mortality rate for the period 2010 - 2015.

Key Challenge

- The lack of new resources allocated to malaria in the Global Fund New Funding Model and through domestic resources jeopardises the country’s ability to sustain the gains made in the fight against malaria.

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Vector Control

- Given the reported mosquito resistance to 2 classes of insecticide, urgently finalise the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan

Q1 2017

Congo has recently tested for mosquito insecticide resistance and preliminary results are available. The country has begun the development of a national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and to establish a platform for monitoring moving forward.

Congo has responded to the recommended actions addressing financing of anti-malarial commodities and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.
New Key Recommended Action

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MNCH
Progress
Congo has made good progress in tracer MNCH interventions including skilled birth attendants, DPT3 and postnatal care. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

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Congo has responded positively to the MNCH recommended actions addressing low coverage of ARTs and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

Key

| Action achieved | Some progress | No progress | Deliverable not yet due |

¹ MNCH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO MCA